(c) and (d) The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985 having stringent provisions for dealing with drug related offences is already in place.

Law for refugees

3113. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had received a proposal for creation of a national law to protect refugees in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India has pot signed the 1951 convention relating to the status of Refugees or its 1967 protocol; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of India received a draft model law proposed, by Justice P.N. Bhagavati, Chairman, Eminent Persons Group set up by United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees recommending, *inter-alia,* for enactment of a Refugee Law.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) India did not sign 1951 Geneva Convention on Refugees and its 1967 Protocol primarily because it does not deal adequately with situation of mass influx and mixed flows, as is faced by India.

Forming of own disaster response forces

3114. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had advised all the States to form their own disaster response forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the State Governments in this regard;